

Yellowstone National Park
Winter Use Draft SEIS
P.O. Box 168
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190

Dear Supt. Wenk,

I support continued Winter access to Yellowstone National Park by snowmobiles. However, I do not support Alternatives 1, 2, or 3 as the way to provide for that continued snowmobile access. I do support the vision of Alternate 4: "Manage Over Snow Vehicles use by Transportation Events" and the following are my comments:

*Snowmobiles have been used to access Yellowstone National Park for over 45 years and should continue to provide a special form of Winter transportation. Over the past five years the vast majority of visitors to the Park have requested a snowmobile as their form of transportation. Note: for most visitors this is their first experience on a snowmobile.

*The testing of snowmobiles to be ridden in Yellowstone should be accomplished at their average operational speed. Snowmobiles should be tested in the manner that they are ridden in the Park.

*Non-commercially guided access to the Park needs to be expanded in the final SEIS. There is a need for more than one non-commercially guided entry into the Park from each gate a day; this needs to be reassessed.

*It is important to have the two-year transition period after the SEIS is completed in late Fall of 2012. Having a decision made on Winter access to Yellowstone Park within a very short period, before the 2012-2013 season begins, would be a hardship on the snowmobile operators and the general public.

*In the final SEIS, Winter access for both snowmobiles and snowcoaches to the Park should be continued over Sylvan Pass from the East Gate. This access is important to visitors. There continues to be interest in both snowmobile and snowcoach from the East Gate.

*Please leave all speed limits in the Park at the current historic levels. Changing the current speed in the Park could affect visitors' ability to see all of the Park's unique sights.

*The requirement for all visitors to carry avalanche rescue gear in the Park should be eliminated. Visitors to the Park do not need shovels, probes, and transceivers. Note: Snowmobile Guides do carry avalanche gear and are trained to use it.

*Please add my name to the Yellowstone Winter Use mailing list and keep me informed as the SEIS process moves forward.

Sincerely,

Signature _____

(Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____, State or Province _____, Zip or Postal Code _____

Note: COMMENT PERIOD ON DRAFT SEIS ENDS ON AUGUST 20, 2012->